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(54) **Method for separating and detecting an analyte**

(57) A method for separating and analyzing an analyte is provided which comprises, in a first position, transferring a liquid sample to a multiwell plate with a pipette tip, replacing the tips in the tip rack in the same position, and re-using the pipette tips for aspirating and dispensing liquid.

Fig. 17

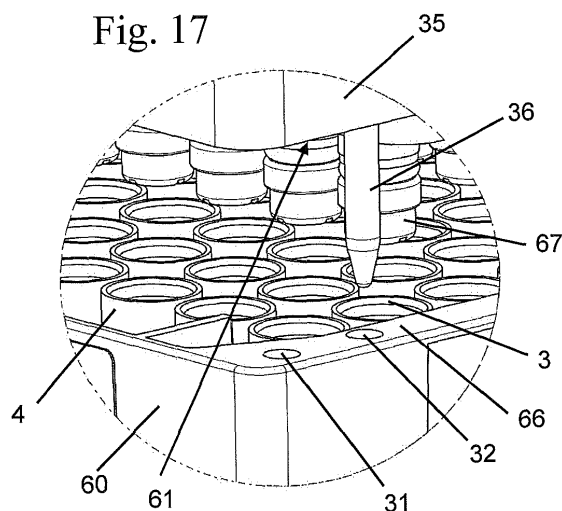
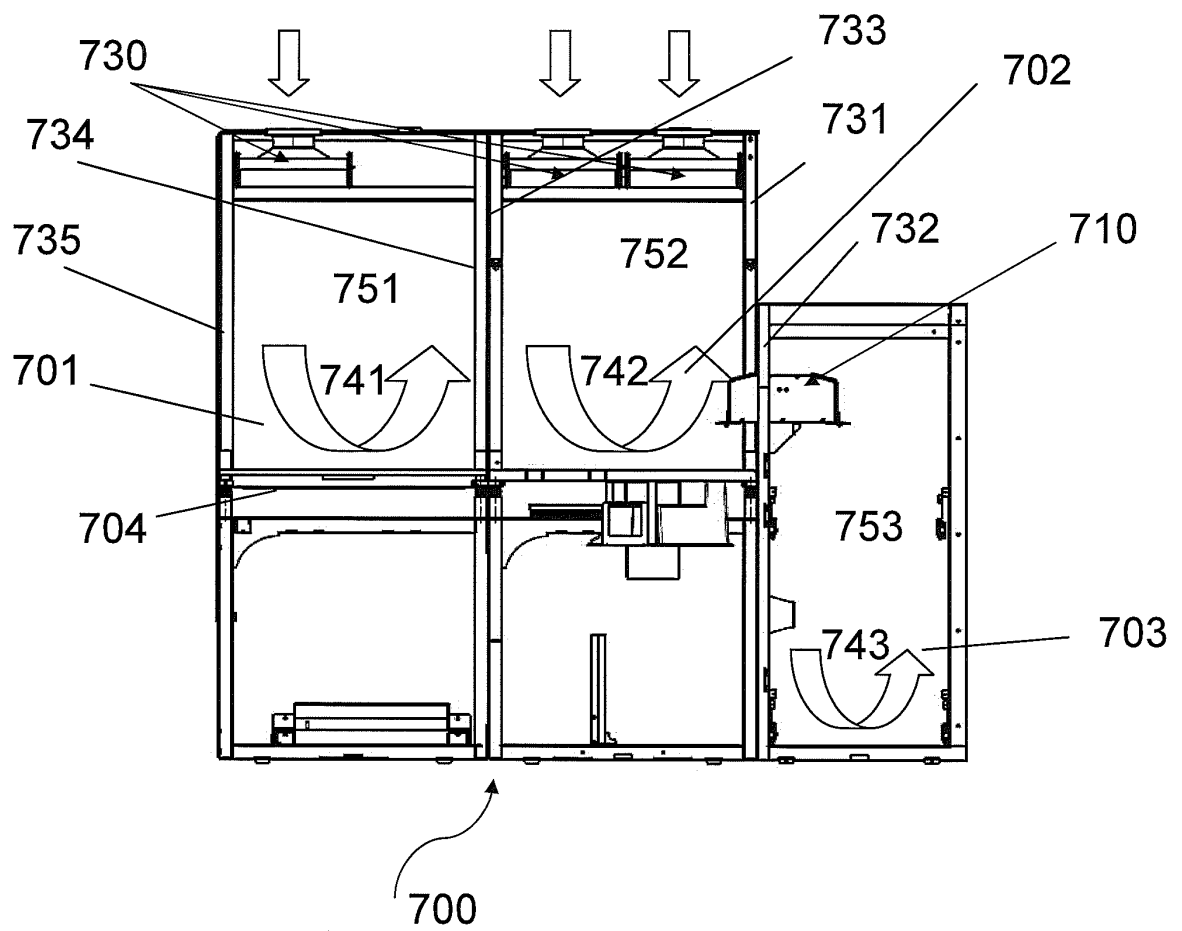


Fig. 54





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